

March 14, 2005

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Notice

In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, March 11, 2005, Marie Guillory and Daniel Mitchell with the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) met with Commissioner Michael J. Copps and Jessica Rosenworcel, Competition and Universal Service Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps. We discussed issues in the above-referenced proceeding. The issues discussed in this proceeding and the positions taken by NTCA are listed in the enclosed handout distributed at the meeting.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, an original and two copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary's Office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-351-2016.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel Mitchell
Daniel Mitchell
Senior Regulatory Counsel
Legal and Industry

cc: Jessica Rosenworcel